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Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), California-American Water Company ("California American Water") submits this Motion for expedited treatment of its *Petition to Modify D.07-08-030* ("Petition"), also filed with the Commission today.

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PETITION

California American Water's general rate case for its Los Angeles District has been bifurcated into two phases: a revenue requirement phase and a rate design phase. It has been California American Water's understanding that it would be able to implement new rates to reflect the revenue requirement approved in the Commission's decision in Phase 1. California American Water will then modify these rates in accordance with a Commission decision on rate design at the end of Phase 2.

The final Commission decision in the first phase of this proceeding, D.07-08-030, did not include the adopted quantities, bill comparison, or tariffs reflecting the new rates. California American Water believes that this was most likely due to an oversight on the Commission's part. In its Petition, California American Water includes exhibits that contain the missing information. California American Water's proposed modifications do not introduce new

information or evidence.

II. NEED FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

In the absence of Commission-approved adopted quantities, bill comparison, and tariffs, the Commission's Water Division cannot process or approve an advice letter filing from California American Water regarding new rates. Therefore, California American Water cannot implement the rates needed to recover its new revenue requirement until the Commission modifies D.07-08-030.

The Commission's decision in Phase 1 of this proceeding is already significantly later than provided for under the Commission's rate case plan. Although the Commission approved interim rates for California American Water in D.06-12-012, they are not suited for long-term use because the uncollected balance of the difference between the current rates and rates that implement the new revenue requirement grows bigger the longer the interim rates are in effect. This balance cannot remain uncollected indefinitely and California American Water's customers will benefit from it being addressed sooner rather than later.

With the revenue requirement decided in D.07-08-030, the parties to California American Water's Los Angeles general rate case proceeding will now turn to developing a conservation rate design. It could be confusing to customers if implementation of the rates reflecting the new revenue requirement is delayed so that it occurs shortly before the implementation of the new rate design, as could be the case under the normal procedural schedule for petitions for modification. (*See* Rule 16.4(f).)

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

California American Water requests a ruling adopting the procedural schedule summarized below for review of California American Water's Petition.

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| Petition Filed | August 29, 2007 |
| Protests Due | September 10, 2007 |
| Commission Decision (if no protests) | September 20, 2007 |

IV. CONCLUSION

Given the non-controversial nature of California American Water's petition, and the need to implement new rates as soon as possible, California American Water's request for expedited treatment is reasonable. California American Water urges the Commission to adopt the procedural schedule above for consideration of its Petition.

Dated: August 29, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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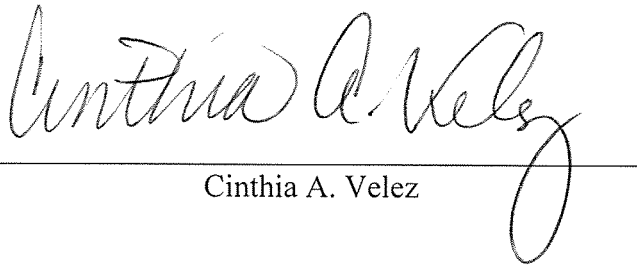


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